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Dear Ms. Shalala

I hope this letter finds you well and that you celebrated a joyous season with your family.

I write to you with two major food concerns. Irradiated and genetically modified products being put on grocery shelves.

I understand the industries are trying to get the FDA to stop labeling requirements for irradiated food & keep the g.m. food from ever being labeled.

If the industries such as Monsanto are so proud of their products, why keep the public in the dark. Labeling of Gm products is required in other first world countries. Why are Americans, who live "in the land of the free" not free to choose what we eat.

Please, do not tell me that the FDA has said it's all O.K. I have read about some of their decisions with less than praise. Just label and let us choose.

Thank you so much for your time, and hope that 2000 is a great year for you and yours.

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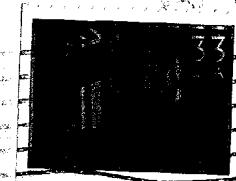
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